Over the Border BOBERT

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CHAPTER VIII.

Monday there were ever inbusing rumors through the town that Charles had signed the bill which would send his chief minister to the block, qualified by statements equally vague that he had done nothing of the sort. But as night drew on the rising jubilation of the crowds in the streets gave point to the more sinister report. In the evening, his usual time of calling, the somber Vollins came to the inn, chiefly, as he said, to urge the girl to quit the turbulent city, where she could accomplish nothing and where she might be in danger were it once guessed that she bore any relationship to the condemned man, but to this good counsel the girl would not listen.

What she demanded impatiently was news, news, news, and this, with exasperating deliberation, Vollins gave forth. It was quite true that the bill was signed, not by the king's hand, but by the hands of four commissioners whom he had appointed for that purpose. The house of lords and even the house of commons was amazed at this betrayal, said Vollins, and the effect of the announcement had been seen on the populace itself, for after certainty came home to the people they had dispersed quietly to their houses, and the streets were almost empty.

The girl was mute with dismay, but Vollins pointed out that the case was in reality no worse than it had been on Saturday or Sunday. By the exercise of his prerogative the king could at any moment free his minister or mitigate the sentence, notwithstanding the fact that the commission had signed the bill of attainder in his name.

Tuesday seemed to bear out these surmises. Frances determined to see the king once more and learn from his. own lips the fate of her father, but when she reached Whitehall she found some commotion there, for Charles was taking his departure from the palace. and people sald he was on his way to the house of lords and that it was likely he had determined to let Strafford

In the evening she learned authoritatively the object of the king's visit to the house of lords. He had pleaded earnestly for the life of his minister, promising if he were released never again to employ him even in the meanest capacity. He implored them at least to grant a reprieve until Saturday, and this was so small a favor for a king to ask that Vollins was sure it would be granted and that many things might happen in the intervening days. The confidence of a man so generally despairing as Vollins in the certainty of a short reprieve and in the ultimate safety of Lord Strafford did much to bring the girl to a like bellet, but she resolved nevertheless to see the king next day if she could win her

way into Whitehall palace. Wednesday saw no excitement on the streets. People were going soberly about, each on his own affairs, and the reprieve had provoked no outburst. which in itself was a hopeful sign. Frances had grown to fear the hue and ery of the mob even more than she feared the indecision of the king. If he were left unterrified, all his tendency was toward mercy and the keeping to be heard from this chamber." of his oath.

There was no crowd to distract the attention of the guard at the palace gates opening on Whitehall, and they absolutely refused to grant her admission without an order. She turned to the captain of the guard and asked how such an order could be obtained, and that official, apparently struck by her youth and beauty as well as her evident distress, said that if she knew any one about the court who might be sent for and who proved willing to vouch for her he would allow her to pass. But the rule at the gate was strict because of past disturbances, and he had no option but refusal unless she went in under the convoy of some one in authority. Frances pondered a few moments and hesitated, but her need was great, and she could not choose when it came to finding security. At last she said, with reluctance:

"I am acquainted with M. De Courcy. Is he within?"

"I do not know, but 'twill be speedlly ascertained.'

With that he invited her to a seat in the guardhouse and sent a messenger for De Courcy, knowing there would be prompt response when the Frenchman learned that a beautiful lady awaited him, and in this he was not mistaken. De Courcy came as debonair and as well groomed as usual, twirling his light mustache and doffing his hat with a grand air when he saw who his petitioner was.

"I wish to see his majesty again," said Frances, rising, "but they detain me at the gate, and I have no one to vouch for me unless you will be so kind, though I am sorry to trouble

"To pleasure me, mademoiselle, you must mean. 'Tis an ungaliant country, as I have always said, when they keep so fair a maid a-waiting. Such a boorish act is not conceivable in France. Most honored am I to be your sponsor, and it gratifies me to tell you that the king is at present disengaged. I beg

you to necompany me."

The friend of the queen did not even trouble to make any explanation to the captain of the guard, and he was too powerful a courtier to have anything he did questioned by the underlings. It was pulpable that the officer had small liking for him, but wholesome fear of his influence in high places.

As the two crossed the yard together the young man said with the greatest offobility:

"Would you prefer to see the king alone or in company?"

"Oh, alone, if it be possible." "Quite possible. I shall delight in arranging a private interview and am sure his majesty will not refuse my request. If you do not wish to meet any of the court I can take you to him by a private route where we are almost

certain to encounter none." "I shall be deeply indebted to you." They threaded their way through devious and inbyrinthian passages. turning now to the right, now to the left, sometimes ascending a few steps and sometimes a narrow stairway, until at last the guide came to a door, which he pushed open.

"If you will wait here for a moment, I will go and fetch the king." He bowed gracefully as she passed through the doorway, entering a square room, the walls of which were decorated by groups of swords and rapiers of various sorts; a veritable armory, A table occupied the center, and there were several chairs, with a lounge against the wall. A door opened upon an inner room. De Courcy, instead of taking his departure, stepped in quickly after the girl, closed the door, and turned the key in the lock. With the grating of the key came the first suspicion to the mind of Frances that her guide was treacherous. Much as she had always distrusted him, it seemed neredible that, knowing her to be the laughter of the Earl of Strafford, anything disastrous might befall her here in the very palace of the king, the sworn protector of his people. The leer on De Courcy's face and his words

speedily disillusioned her. "If you will be seated, my dear, we may have some converse, interesting and enterenining to us both. You can scarcely imagine my joy at seeing so lovely a visitor in my poor apart-

king. A gentleman keeps his word." "Oh, the king in good time, my pretty one. Charles is but a doleful combut times have changed since that day. and you will not be so cruel as to expect me to carry out the good domestic intentions I then expressed."

more of them."

"Truly? Then so much the better. I expected tears and reproaches, but am pleased you are not given to complaining. By my honor, I love you the more for it. So, then, I'll steal a kiss from those ripe lips to seal the new compact we are to make, and I warn you that a scream is not likely "I need not your warning. You

shall neither hear me scream nor see me weep."

"By St. Denis, I like your spirit. Some scream and some weep, but they all end by clinging."

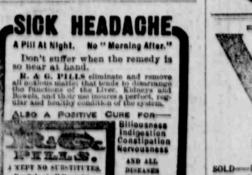
"Sir, a warning for your warning. Approach not another step nearer me. Stand aside, rather, and allow me quittance of this place as freely as I ignorantly came hither."

"And if I cannot consent?" "Then 'twill be the worse for you." "You spur an inclination already highly mettled. Still would I treat you with all courtesy. You are a nameless woman, and many of the highest dames in England are proud to call me their friend."

"That I believe to be as untrue as your saying I am a nameless woman. "Nevertheless one is as true as the other. Your father never acknowl-

edged you." "He has been burdened with more important affairs, but he will do so

when he is free." During this dialogue the participants had been constantly changing their positions, De Courcy advancing and Frances retreating, keeping the table between them. The girl's design was plain enough. She desired to hold him in conversation, gradually shifting her



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position, until she got between him and the door, when a sudden dash might give her freedom. But he easily fathmed this design and laughed as he checkmated it. At her last words, however, he drew himself upright, a look of genuine amazement overspreading his face.

"When he is free!" he echoed. "Powers of heaven! Then you have not come to reproach the king, but to plead with him!

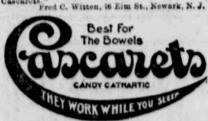
"Why should I repreach him?" "It would surely be useless enough, but feminine. Why? Because Gregory Brandon, with one good stroke, severed the king's word and Strafford's neck on Tower hill this morning."

The girl's face went white as the kerchief about her throat, and, swaying half an instant, she leaned against the table for support. Something in the brutal method of the announce- any of the ordinary charcoal tabment convinced her of its truth more lets." surely than if he had spoken with all the solemnity of which he might be capable. Yet she struggled not to be-

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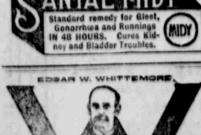
"Sir, you said you would bring the D., of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of Roberts' loss was little. The stables a morning, when first arising, I of- were between Fourth and Fifth, ten find a troublesome collection of Jones and Norton streets, and it is panion just now, and we are well quit phlegm, which produces a cough and supposed one of the drivers for Mr. of him. As for a man's word, the is very hard to dislodge; but a small Etter left a torch in the stable when fashion seems to be the breaking of it, quantity of Ballard's Horehound the teams were hitched up to haul example being set us poor gentlemen Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the scenery of the "County Chair- for Tennessee river. in the highest places. For instance, the trouble is over. I know of no man" from the theatre to the train. our last discussion related to marriage, medicine that is equal to it, and it is A large quantity of hay and dially recommend it to all persons stable. needing a medicine for throat or "Str. I am very glad I shall hear no lung trouble." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by DuBois, Kolb & Co.

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Observations taken at 7 a. m. Rivr 9.3 on the gauge, a fall of 0.9 in the last 24 hours. Weather clear and warmer. Temperature 30, with south winds. Indications for continied moderation.

SAUNDERS A. FOWLER. Local Observer.

Capt. Ed. Woolfolk has returned from a business trip to St. Louis. The river at St. Louis is frozen over and the ice gorges are large and firm. Considerable damage has been done to floating stock by them.

The big towboat Harvester, bought wo weeks ago from the combine by the United States Gas, Coal and Coke Co., is ice-bound up about Cave-in-Rock, and the Fannie Wallace is with

her to assist in taking care of the tow. The W. W. O'Neill, of the combine fleet, disabled her machinery near Evansville and has gone to the bank there for repairs. She has a big tow

of coal for the south. The City of Peoria, Cairo and Carruthersville packet, is ice-bound at Columbus, Ky.

The towboat Clifton has been attached at Parkersburg, W. Va., as a result of a quarrel among officers. The Budd Coal Co. sent the Frank Gilmore to Pittsburg to get the tow of barges the Clifton was bringing down, but the court refused to let the boat have them.

The Jim Duffey arrived this morning from Tennessee river with a tow of 43,896 ties for the A. & L. company and will go out again today into the Tennessee after ties.

The Russell Lord got away for Ten nessee river yesterday.

Captain J. S. Tyner, of Nashville, who took the Scovill and Electra, of the Red River fleet, to Mound City for repairs, passed through the city this morning en route home.

The Wash Honsell went into Tennessee river yesterday after ties. The Kit Carson went into Tennes

see river yesterday. The I. N. Hook got away yesterday

The Pavonia is due out of Cum risk floating down in the ice.

The Margaret is due out of Tennessee river today with ties.

The Inverness is due tomorrow out of Tennessee river. The Cowling is running now, having encased her bow with fron to

fight the ice. The ice is thinning out just a little, the river men say, although this is hardly perceptible to the person unacquainted with river matters. The moderation is softening it out a

The J. F. Buckham will go into Tennessee river after ties today. The Wilford is laying here waiting

for the ice to thin out. The Kentucky arrived yesterday

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